

MINUTES

EAU CLAIRE CITY COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE MEETING

Tuesday, September 22, 2020

City Council Chamber

4:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL

Council President Weld called the meeting to order. The following Council Members were present in-person: Jill Christopherson, John Lor and Terry Weld. The following Council Members were present remotely: Emily Anderson, Kate Beaton, Emily Berge, Catherine Emmanuelle, Jeremy Gragert, David Klinkhammer, Andrew Werthmann and Mai Xiong.

UPDATE

Update by City Manager Peters during a City Declaration of Emergency regarding COVID-19.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Council considered a resolution adopting the Consent Agenda for the following items of routine business on Tuesday, September 22, 2020:

- Adopting the Consent Agenda.
- Approving the Minutes of the September 8, 2020 Council Legislative Session.
- Granting new bartender licenses.
- Granting a Temporary Class B Fermented Malt Beverage and Temporary Class B Wine license to Chippewa Valley Museum, Donella Magadance, President, on October 9, 16 & 17, 2020, at the Chippewa Valley Museum, 1204 East Half Moon Drive, for a Farm Life Harvest event.
- Granting a transfer of a Class B Fermented Malt Beverage, a Class C Wine and a Class A Cabaret license of Forage EC, LLC, d/b/a Forage EC from the location of 930 Galloway Street, Bldg. 13, Suites 212 & 214, to 403 S. Barstow Street, Meredith Kervin, agent.
- Establishing Hope Lutheran Church, 2226 Eddy Lane, as the temporary polling site for City of Eau Claire Election Wards 10, 47, 54 and 76.

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Anderson and seconded by Council Member Klinkhammer "to adopt the consent resolution." Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

PROCLAMATIONS

President Weld read a proclamation recognizing September 21 as The International Day of Peace throughout the City of Eau Claire, and encouraging everyone to celebrate the International Day of Peace by spreading compassion, kindness and hope.

President Weld read a proclamation proclaiming the week of October 4 – 10, 2020, as Fire Prevention Week and urging everyone in Eau Claire to heed the important message of Fire Prevention Week and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of Eau Claire Fire and Rescue.

SKY PARK LOT 4

The City Council considered a resolution approving an offer to purchase for the sale of Lot 4 in Sky Park to Dimension X Design, LLC. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Beaton and seconded by Council Member Xiong “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

JEFFERS RIDGE TWIN HOMES

The City Council considered a resolution approving the final plat for Jeffers Ridge Twin Homes Phase II located on the east side of Jeffers Road, west of Northwest Community Park (File P-7-20). Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Lor and seconded by Council Member Christopherson “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing the City Manager to amend the development agreement with Wurzer Builders, Inc., for street and utility improvements within the Plat of Jeffers Ridge Twin Homes to include Jeffers Ridge Twin Homes II. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Emmanuelle and seconded by Council Member Berge “to adopt the resolution.”

Thereupon a motion “to amend” the amended development agreement was offered by Council Member Klinkhammer and seconded by Council Member Lor by deferring sidewalk around the bulbs of the Willow Place and Willow Court cul-de-sacs as it is not in the best interest of the public. Said motion passed by the following vote: Aye: Council Members Anderson, Beaton, Christopherson, Gragert, Klinkhammer, Lor and Weld. Nay: Council Members Berge, Emmanuelle, Werthmann and Xiong.

A vote was then taken “to adopt the resolution” with amended development agreement. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

APPOINTMENTS

The City Council considered a resolution approving appointments and reappointments to various Boards, Commissions and Committees. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Werthmann and seconded by Council Member Gragert “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

BOND ISSUANCE

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing the issuance of \$10,830,000 aggregate principal amount of General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds, Series 2020A, of the City of Eau Claire, Eau Claire and Chippewa Counties, Wisconsin, in such amount, providing details, prescribing the form of bond, awarding the bonds to the best bidder, levying taxes, and related matters. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Anderson and seconded by Council Member Klinkhammer “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing the issuance of \$2,090,000 aggregate principal amount of General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2020B, of the City of Eau Claire, Eau Claire and Chippewa Counties, Wisconsin, in such amount, providing details, prescribing the form of note, awarding the notes to the best bidder, levying taxes, and related matters. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Beaton and seconded by Council Member Xiong “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing the issuance of \$4,615,000 aggregate principal amount of Taxable General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds, Series 2020C, of the City of Eau Claire, Eau Claire and Chippewa Counties, Wisconsin, in such amount, providing details, prescribing the form of bond, awarding the bonds to the best bidder, levying taxes, and related matters. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Lor and seconded by Council Member Christopherson “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

EMERGENCY DECLARATION

The City Council considered a resolution extending the Emergency Declaration in the City of Eau Claire. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Emmanuelle and seconded by Council Member Berge “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

ZONING

The Council considered an ordinance rezoning property located on the east side of Justin Lane, south of Arthur Street, from R-1 to R-3P and to adopt the general development plan (Z-1675-20). Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Werthmann and seconded by Council Member Gragert “to adopt the ordinance.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The Council considered an ordinance rezoning property located at 3172 Old Town Hall Road from C-3P to R-3P and to adopt the general development plan for a Community Based Residential Facility (CBRF) with 62-unit assisted living facility and to grant special zoning permission for the CBRF to be over 16 residents. (Z-1676-20 & CBRF-1-20). Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Anderson and seconded by Council Member Klinkhammer “to adopt the ordinance.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

REMOTE MEETING ATTENDANCE

The Council considered a charter ordinance amending Chapter 2.08 entitled “City Council” by specifically amending Section 2.08.065, entitled “Meetings—Attendance from remote location” of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Eau Claire. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Beaton and seconded by Council Member Xiong “to adopt the ordinance.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

LOCAL HEALTH OFFICER ORDERS

The City Council had first reading on an ordinance amending Chapter 8.04, entitled “Contagious Disease” by creating Section 8.04.021, entitled “Local Health Officer Orders” of the Code of Ordinance of the City of Eau Claire.

CLOSED SESSION

Council President Weld announced that upon a motion duly made and seconded, the City Council may go into closed session to review, discuss and consider candidate application materials presented by Baker Tilly for the position of City Manager and select candidates to invite for in-person interviews; and to review and discuss candidates for appointment to the position of Interim City Manager; which is permitted in closed session pursuant to s. 19.85(1)(f) of the Wisconsin Statutes; and discussion of employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee, over whom the City Council exercises responsibility which is permitted in closed session pursuant to s. 19.85(1)(c) of the Wisconsin Statutes. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Beaton and seconded by Council Member Xiong to “convene into closed session.” Said motion passed by the following vote: Aye: Council Members Anderson, Beaton, Berge, Christopherson, Emmanuelle, Gragert, Lor, Weld, Werthmann and Xiong. Absent: Council Member Klinkhammer.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned without objection.

Adjournment: September 22, 2020

Time: 8:11 p.m.

ATTEST:

/s/ Terry L. Weld
Council President

/s/ Carrie L. Riepl
City Clerk